

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 20, 1984

and

Tuesday, February 21, 1984

GEORGE N. GRAY

CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION

April 3, 1984

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

February 20, 1984

and

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Chairman George N. Gray, presiding:

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel
Mr. Gary Chouest
Mr. James Farrelly

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was absent.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. George Gray, on Monday February 20, at 2:00 p.m. at the Quail Drive Office of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Jack Cappel, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

A roll call of members present was taken.

Invocation was offered by Dr. Jack Cappel.

Motion was made by Dr. Jack Cappel, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of November 22, 1983.

Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Jack Cappel, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of December 6, 1983.

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There was a discussion of the rules regarding commercial finfishing on Salvador Wildlife Management Area. No action was taken.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously, to extend the trapping season.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made part of the record)

WHEREAS, due to the exceptional weather conditions which existed throughout the State of Louisiana during the months of December, 1983 and January, 1984, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of nutria has been reduced in recent years due to low prices, and

WHEREAS, fur bearing populations are managed on an annual basis through trapping programs, and

WHEREAS, the unusual climatic conditions prohibited and delayed many trapping programs, and

WHEREAS, fur technicians of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have determined that excessive annual populations presently exist in several coastal ecosystems which would result in environmental damage to habitat conditions,

WHEREAS, this action is being taken under the emergency provisions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby extend the trapping season in the South Zone through March 15, 1984.

Mr. Harry Schafer gave the monthly survey report for the period January 9, 1984 through February 12, 1984. During this period, field activity consisted of 127 surveys scheduled, 47 of which were surveyed. Seventy-two applications were unable to be surveyed due to bad weather or low tide, and 8 in which the applicants failed to appear for survey.

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Colonel Ray Montet gave the monthly enforcement report.

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Motion was made by Dr. Jack Cappel, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously that the following resolution be adopted.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission, the local regulatory body for D'Arbonne Lake passed a resolution at its meeting on February 7, 1984 prohibiting trammel nets, gill nets, flagg nets, and fish seines in D'Arbonne Lake effective June 1, 1984, and subsequently have requested the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to ratify said resolution, and

WHEREAS, studies conducted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on D'Arbonne Lake have demonstrated the detrimental effects that use of certain types of commercial fish nets have on gamefish populations, and

WHEREAS, D'Arbonne Lake does not support high poundage of commercial species nor a true commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, the most sought after commercial species, catfish (flathead), can still be harvested adequately using hoop nets, slat traps, trot lines, limb lines, and stump lines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets, flagg nets and fish seines in D'Arbonne Lake (Union and Lincoln Parishes) and includes all areas between the spillway structure and Gill's Ferry Landing on D'Arbonne Creek and Hogpen Landing on Corney Creek; and, this prohibition to become effective June 1, 1984.

Mr. Gray requested that Mary Mitchell make recommendations on alleviating some of the problems which cause a delay in processing licenses. Mr. Gray requested this report for the April board meeting.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously, that we publish a notice of intent to set the dates for the shrimp season at the May 1 board meeting.

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The April board meeting was scheduled for April 2 & 3 at Rockefeller Refuge.

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A motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Jack Cappel, and passed unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by
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